SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1888.

Millions of Grasshoppers Killed.

From the Garden and Forest When the English took possession of the Island of Cyprus it was annually rav-aged by grasshoppers to such a degree that its crops were hardly worth consider ation. In five years, at a cost of only some \$300,000, the insects were deonly some \$300,000, the insects were de-stroyed, and it now costs but \$8000 a year to keep the land free from their ravages. The method used to such good effect is now being tried with results which promise to be equally satisfactory in Algiers and Spain. When a column of grasshoppers are known to be ap-proaching, a screen formed of cotton cloth, about sixty yards in length and one yard in width, is stretched in front of it, sometimes in a straight and sometimes sometimes in a straight and sometimes in a V-shaped line. Along the upper edge of the cloth a strip of oiled or varnished stuff is sown, over which the insects cannot crawl; and in front of it great pits are dug, the borders of which are encircled by strips of zinc slanting downward. These pits are soon filled with the grasshoppers, which are tramped down by bare-footed natives and buried under earth with which disinfectants are under earth with which disinfectants are
eften mixed. According to Le Genie
Clvil, it is estimated that this year
400,000,000 of grasshoppers were thus
destroyed in Algiers by the middle of
June. It is needful that the screens
should be spread in early morning, when
the insents benumbed by the night cold,

Marriage Customs in Italy.

are unable to fly over it, and then men

should be employed to keep the column

as compact as possible.

The Italian lover has always an eye to the main chance. Before venturing upon any marriage proposal the lover makes it his business to find out what dowry is likely to be settled on the bride, and should it not come up to his expectations, at once transfers his affections, at once transfers his affections, elsewhere. The question of dowry is discussed, and the amount bargained for much in the same way as the shopkeepers haggle over their wares. * *

The bride in Italy is always supposed to furnish all the household linen for her The Italian lover has always an eye

to furnish all the household linen for her establishment; not to be able to do so is a matter of disgrace. The number of articles included in her trousseau is enormos, and each one must be numbered by dozens This is an excellent rule as far as the husband is concerned, for it freeshim from any anxiety for years on account of the state of his wife's wardrobe; but, on the other halid, the poor are often unable to scrape together the closhes which the un-written rule of society demands from them, and in many cases marriages are postponed from year to year until the requisite amount is provided.

Wonderf d Feat of Memory.

Bets involving extraordinary and almost impossible feats have frequently been made and won. Some years since, when the late Rev. Henry Ward Beecher was delivering lectures throughout the country. Col., de Meres, of the Troy Times made a bet that he would sit on the stage with the orator, remember every word be said and publish it in his paper the next morning. The wager being accepted, Colonel de Meres sat on the platform near Mr. Beecher, and at the conclusion of the lecture went to the of-fice of the Troy Times and without halt or stop dictated the entire discourse word

only Watting-From the Phrindelphia Record

Housekeeper (after dining a tramp)-Why don't you go to work?

Tramp-I am notable to do hard work, madam. As a boy I was obliged to go to Sunday school in all sorts of weather, and it made me very delicate, madam.

"Oh, well; seems to me you might get something indoors, cleaning out offices for instance. Why, don't you seek a po-sition as janitor of an office?" "Madam, I am a man of high princi-ple, and I hold, madam, that the office

should seek the man, not the man the of-fice. Thanks for this banquet. If you see an office hunting for me tell it I've gone up the road.

In a public school building in St. Louis, the heating apparatus got out of order, causing a great noise and escape of steam which frightened the pupils, and they became panic-stricken. Two teachers, in attempting to stop the stampede, were trampled upon and severely injured, also several of the papils.

After having listened at a Thanksgiving dinner to Jones' stale jokes. Smith said:
"I say Jones, the Thanksgiving turkey is luckier then we are." Jones—"In what way?" "He isn't stuffed with chestnuts until after he is dead."

At Wytheville, Va., Thursday, a band of armed men, wearing masks, broke open the jail and rescued Wyman Sutton, under sentence of death for the murder of Peter Harvel. He was to have been executed Friday.

Let us beware of losing our enthusiasm. Let us ever glory in something, and strive to retain our admiration for all that would enoble, and our interest in all that would enrich and beautify our lives.

The following teachers have been chosen for the Baker City public school: Geo. A. Peebles, Rev. J. S. Bingham, Miss Ella Woods, Miss Jenuie Keough and Mrs. P. R. Bishop.

The other day the daughter of a farmer went out into a corn-field carrying with her a copy of Miss Rives' "Quick or the Dead." The corn was shocked.

"Was Micky dhrunk, soor, when he fell off the scaffold?" "Well, yer onnor, afther he tumbled he seemed to have a dhrop too much."

The man who went to school with Bea-jamin Harrison is coming to the front in Tinware, Copperware and Sheet-Iron all parts of the country.

In a street riot between Prussia and Italian miners at Mt. Carmel, Pa. several were fatally wounded.

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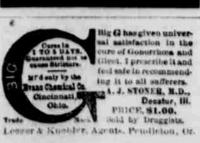
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